



2009 Indiana Youth Investment Awards

Overview of Awards

The Indiana Youth Investment Awards recognize exemplary programs that serve Hoosier children and youth. Ten winners are chosen annually through an application and site visit process and represent diverse geographic regions in Indiana. All winners receive the following benefits:

- **Statewide recognition:** One of ten exemplary programs that serve Hoosier children and youth.
- **Funding:** Each winning program will receive a \$5,000 prize.
- **Media Opportunities:** The award and prize money are presented during hometown events that often generate media coverage, community recognition, and goodwill among clients, volunteers and donors.
- **Professional Development:** Winning programs receive two free registrations to the annual Kids Count in Indiana conference, including travel expenses and overnight accommodations.

Eligibility Requirements

- Winner must be a youth-serving not-for-profit agency, school, church or governmental agency.
- Organization must be Indiana-based, serve Indiana youth, and have an Indiana address.
- Indiana Youth Investment Award winners from the last five years are not eligible to apply unless they are applying for a different program.
- Application must be received by June 1, 2009. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.

Evaluation Considerations

- Successful and replicable programs that promote the healthy development of children and youth. Emphasis will be placed on the areas of impact on youth, existence of an evaluation system and established outcomes.
- Geographic distribution—the Indiana Youth Institute reserves the right to choose winners based on geographic distribution across the state

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Selection Process

IYI will use the selection process outlined below. Applications may be screened out at any point in the process.

1. Application screened for completeness. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
2. Narrative review
3. Site visits for finalists conducted by IYI's President & CEO
4. Final selection by IYI's President & CEO

YIA Program Timeline

Applications Available	April 6, 2009
Applications Due	June 1, 2009
Applications Reviewed	June 2 – July 10, 2009
Finalists Site Visits Occur	July 18 – September 10, 2009
Applicants Notified	September 14 2009
Local Recognition Events Held	September – November 2009
Kids Count in Indiana Conference	December 1-2, 2009

Submission Process

Applications must be submitted via US mail and must be received by IYI no later than Monday, June 1, 2009. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) is not responsible for lost applications. Due to the number of applications, IYI is unable to confirm receipt of applications.

Send the **original and 3 copies** of the completed application and corresponding attachments to the address below.

The Indiana Youth Institute
Attn: Youth Investment Awards
603 E. Washington Street, Suite 800
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Notification Process

IYI will notify winners by telephone on or before September 14, 2009. Applicants who are not selected will be mailed a letter on or before September 14, 2009.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact IYI at 317-396-2700 or toll free at (800) 343-7060.

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Step I – Provide Basic Organization Information (Please type or print)

Organization or Agency Name:				
Program Name (if different):				
Address 1:				
Address 2:				
City, State, Zip:				
County/Counties Served:				
Contact Name:				
Title:				
E-mail:				
Day Phone Number:				
Summer or Alternate Number:				
Organization type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit	<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Government
Program type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Education – Early Childhood through Elementary			
<i><u>SELECT the ONE that best fits your program.</u></i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Education – Middle & High School			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Services			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Health and Wellness			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development (Arts, Culture, Leadership, Mentoring, Workforce Readiness)			

<i>The following is for informational purposes only. Applicants will not be evaluated on this section.</i>		
Is this a faith-based organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Year program began serving Indiana youth:		
Number of Indiana youth served annually:	2007:	2008:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge I have reviewed this application and that the agency meets the Youth Investment Award eligibility requirements.

Signature of Executive Director/CEO: _____

Name of Executive Director/CEO: _____

Date: _____

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Step II – Complete the Narrative

Please provide a brief description of the program and then respond to the following questions.

Responses are limited to three (3) pages total.

1. How does this program promote healthy child/youth development? What issues/problems does the program address?
2. How was the program's content/curriculum designed and/or chosen? Why is this approach the best approach to use? What steps have you taken to ensure staff are trained and qualified to deliver this program?
3. What steps have been taken to promote a safe physical and emotional environment for all participants? How often is the program environment assessed and what processes are used?
4. What measures are in place to track and evaluate success? What are specific outcomes of the program? How successful has the program been?
5. How could this program be replicated in other communities? What challenges might be faced? What advice would you give to others hoping to replicate this program?

Step III – Supporting Documentation

You may include up to two (2) pages of supporting documentation. Additional attachments are not required. Attachments that may be helpful include, but are not limited to: a letter of support from a partner agency, program evaluation results, a testimonial from a youth or parent, and/or press clipping. Electronic attachments such as video or audio clips will not be accepted. If additional pages are submitted only the first two will be evaluated.

Step IV – Submit Your Application

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